

JAMES W. CLYDE



James William Clyde was born in Springville, Utah, on August 31, 1856, one of the sons of George William and Jane McDonald Clyde. At the age of five he moved with his parents to Heber Valley where he settled, married, and raised his family.

James W. Clyde was active in civic affairs and educational activities. In the beginning of our history it states Henry Aird was the first president of the Heber Town Board, and Mr. Clyde was the first mayor when Heber was incorporated as a city. He was the first president of the Heber Town Board. When the town was incorporated, he served as its first mayor. While mayor, he purchased the generating equipment for the municipal power plant, and was active in promoting a municipal water system to replace wells.

He served as president of the Wasatch Irrigation Co., of the Strawberry Grazing Co., and of the Wasatch County School Board.

Active in politics—he was often called "Mr. Democrat"—he served in the House of Representatives, was chairman of the Democratic Party in Wasatch County, and was also state senator from Wasatch County. He was a member of the State Land Board,

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and a member of the board of the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

His business activities included being director of the Bank of Heber City and later on, vice president and president of this organization. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Copper Bank of Salt Lake City, and a director of the Salt Lake Union Stockyards.

He assisted in the organization of the Heber Mercantile Co., and was president of this firm until his death in 1937.

He was a generous contributor to his Church and its missionaries, and also helped the needy.

James W. Clyde was married to Mary Ann Campbell, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Davis Campbell, on December 12, 1884. Members of their family are:

Mrs. Charles DeGraff (Nellie), Mrs. George W. Watkins (Hazel), Don Clyde, Miss Nina Clyde, and Mrs. J. L. Craig, Jr. (Bess).

